

Challenging Facts

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Missions Ten missions are maintained, which are located in Burma, Assam, South India, Bengal-Orissa, South China, East China, West China, Japan, Belgian Congo and the Philippine Islands. Assistance is also given to the Baptists in Europe. In these ten fields there are 128 stations and 3,073 outstations.

Missionaries There are 705 missionaries, including those of the Woman's Society. These include ordained ministers, physicians, teachers, industrial and agricultural experts, business managers, printers and one sea captain. They are assisted by 6,378 native workers. There are also 2,506 workers in Europe.

Evangelism In 1915 on all fields 13,333 converts were baptized. During the 102 years of missionary work, 328,833 baptisms were reported in non-Christian lands, and 284,441 in Europe, a total of 613,274. In non-Christian lands 178,441 members are enrolled in 1,692 regular Baptist churches, of which 904, or fifty-three per cent, are self-supporting.

Medicine Seventy-nine agencies for healing are maintained. These consist of 27 hospitals and 52 dispensaries, and are in charge of 53 medical missionaries assisted by 143 American and native nurses. More than 94,000 patients received medical and surgical treatment during the past year.

Education There are 2,403 schools of all grades, including 7 colleges, 27 seminaries and training schools, with a total enrolment of over 80,000 pupils. Sunday schools number 2,243, with 86,000 pupils. The missionaries have translated the Bible, in whole or in part, into over thirty dialects and languages. Three publication plants publish Bibles, periodicals and other literature.

Finance During the first year of organized missionary effort the total receipts for foreign missions were \$1,059. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1916, the total receipts amounted to \$1,297,299.05, including receipts to the Woman's Society.

The Challenge These facts present a great challenge to every Baptist. The responsibility for maintaining this great missionary work rests not upon the Society but upon the churches and individuals in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention. The Society is merely their agent in advancing the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

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